



# IMMEDIATE IMPACT GRANTS

Financial aid is the biggest factor impacting students' college choice. Donor-funded scholarships allow us to support students who desire an EMU education but do not have the financial resources to access what we have to offer. New immediate impact grants are changing the fortunes of the university's undergraduates with acute financial need.

**Immediate impact grants provide a significant opportunity for one or more students to receive financial assistance. Donors commit \$20,000 or more over four years to provide a grant award of \$5,000 or more per year.**

## STUDENT IMPACT

**82**

students benefited from 31 immediate impact grants in 2024-25

**\$5M**

is the funding goal for student aid as part of the Forward Together Campaign

**\$352,698**

in financial aid was awarded to students from immediate impact grants in 2024-25

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### ROCHELLE YODER IMMEDIATE IMPACT GRANT

During my college years, I knew I wanted to "pass it forward" to a future student. My home congregation, The Mennonite Church of Normal, generously supported college students attending Anabaptist colleges and universities. However, even before we knew of the congregation's support, my parents required my siblings and I to save half of all we earned for college tuition. If we did this, they'd make sure our college was paid for.

I was fortunate enough to be on the receiving end of grants, scholarships, and donations. Now, I'm even more pleased to be able to support a student's education. My college

experience was important to the formation of my world view and helped steer me toward my career.

EMU was also instrumental in supporting my whole self. Chapel, sports, and the community at EMU nourished my mind, body, and spirit outside the classroom. I pray and believe that supporting an EMU undergraduate, through my immediate impact grant, will give a young person the ability to find their potential and place in the world.

**ROCHELLE YODER '04**



As a recipient of the Susan & Phil Guengerich Grant Fund, I am receiving the financial support I need to pursue my education and further my passion for social work. It also brings me one step closer to achieving my goal of helping others and making a meaningful impact in my community.

**- SHADYMON BLANTON**

Recipient of Susan & Phil Guengerich Grant Fund



Receiving a scholarship to attend EMU means the world to me. It not only alleviates financial burdens but also validates my hard work and dedication, allowing me to fully focus on my studies and continue pursuing my academic and personal goals with confidence.

**- FADI MICHAEL**

Recipient of Frederic & Bernice Bush Grant Fund

I am deeply grateful for the financial gifts that have helped me to attend school. I have valued attending EMU and forming deep friendships with people connected to this institution. Receiving scholarships has helped reduce the stress around the cost of attendance and allowed me to focus more on what I am learning and the ways I am growing at this school.

**- ELLA BRUBAKER**

Recipient of Yoder-Miller WCSC Grant Fund



[The immediate impact grant I received provides] me with the opportunity to pursue my education without financial barriers. It allows me to honor my parents' sacrifices, achieve my academic and career goals, and contribute meaningfully to my community.

**- LESLIE ALEMAN**

Recipient of the Earl Frankenfield Family Immediate Impact Grant